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Republic of Korea – F-15SE Aircraft Weapons

WASHINGTON, May 22, 2013 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress May 21 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Republic of Korea (ROK) for weapons in support of a potential Direct Commercial Sale of F-15 SE aircraft. Included also are associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$823 million.

The Government of the Republic of Korea (ROK) has requested a possible sale of weapons in support of a potential Direct Commercial Sale of F-15 SE aircraft. These aircraft weapons include the following:

274	AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM)
6	AIM-120C-7 AMRAAM Guidance Sections
362	Joint Directed Attach Munition (JDAM) Tail Kits, BLU-109/KMU-557C/B (GBU-31)
	w/SAASM/AJ
780	JDAM Tail Kits, MK-82/BLU-111 KMU572C/B (GBU-38) w/SAASM/AJ
6	MK-82 Filled, Inert Bombs
170	JDAM Tail Kits, MK-84/BLU-117 KMU-556C/B (GBU-31) w/SAASM/AJ
1312	FMU-152A/B Fuzes (FZU-63 Initiator)
542	GBU-39/B Small Diameter Bombs
170	BLU-117 2000LB General Purpose Bombs
362	BLU-109 2000LB Penetrators
4	BLU-109 Inert Bombs
154	AIM-9X-2 (Blk II) Tactical Missiles w/DSU-41
33	CATM AIM-9X-2 (Blk II) Captive Air Training Missiles
7	AIM-9X-2 (Blk II) CATM Guidance Units
14	AIM-9X-2 (Blk II) Tactical Guidance Unit

Also included are containers, missile support and test equipment, provisioning, spare and repair parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and technical support, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost will be \$823 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by meeting the legitimate security and defense needs of an ally and partner nation. The ROK continues to be an important force for peace, political stability, and economic progress in North East Asia.

The proposed sale will provide the ROK with aircraft weapons for the F-15SE. These aircraft and weapons will provide the ROK with a credible defense capability to deter aggression in the region and ensure interoperability with US forces. The ROK will use the enhanced capability as a deterrent to regional threats and strengthen its homeland defense. Additionally, operational control (OPCON) will transfer from US Forces Korea/Combined

Forces Command (USFK/CFC) to the ROK's Korea Command (KORCOM) in 2015. This upgrade will enhance the capability needed to support OPCON transfer.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be Raytheon Missile Systems Company in Tucson, Arizona; The Boeing Corporation in St Louis, Missouri; Lockheed Martin Missile and Space in Bethesda, Maryland; and Kaman Precision Products in Middletown, Connecticut. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with these potential sales.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips to Korea involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives for technical reviews/support, program management, and training over a period of eight years. U.S. contractor representatives will be required in Korea to conduct modification kit installation, testing, and training.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.